**PAI 705**

**Final Project (20 points):**

Formulate a research project. Choose your topic and develop a research proposal.

Word document / pdf. 15-20 pages, double spaced, 12-point font, standard referencing format. Footnotes or endnotes your choice. All sources and quotations should be explicitly noted.

Look at some kind of policy relevant social science issue, ideally one that has a clear application to international relations. In this proposal you are making the case that information needs to be gathered to address this issue and you are making the case that you should gather it using the methods you outline.

Abstract – summarize the proposed research in around 100 words.

Introduction – motivate the research project and contextualize it. Why does this research need to be done? Why does it need to be done by you?

Review of the Literature – what has been done already related to this topic, what data exists already, and why do we need to go out and gather the data you are proposing?

Logical Framework if applicable- Explain how your proposed research agenda can be put into some kind of logical framework if there is a desired impact:

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| Theory of Change: |
| Input  Process  Output  Outcome  Impact |

Research Challenges - Discuss research ethics, politics, pragmatic concerns

Methods - Proposed analytical methodology of the data you are proposing to collect with your research, noting methods and standards of evidence

Timeline and responsibilities - Who will do what and when will it be done to get the research project through to completion?

Discussion and conclusion - What will we know at the end of this process that we need to know and how will people be impacted by what we have proposed to do?

Budget - If you want to make it even more realistic, you could develop an indicative budget (though this is optional)

You will hand in your proposal and present your proposal in class on April 26 or 28.

Examples from Past Semesters

A survey of North Korean Defectors in the US centered on the Motivation for Defection.

Assessing Attitudes Toward Female Education in Yemen

Examining the Impact of External Academic Support Programs on Syrian Refugees in Turkey

Trends in Recruitment and Radicalization by Far-Right Extremist and Foreign Terrorist Organizations

Exploring the Links between Migrant Hubs and Cartel Recruitment along the US Mexico Border

Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Energy: Attitudes by Proximity, Awareness, and Age

Unintended Consequences: Do UN Peacekeepers Exacerbate Conflict in their Areas of Operations?

Women Entrepreneurs’ Perspectives on Creating and Managing Startups in Kosovo

Arizona’s SB 1070 and the Implications for Today’s Young Adults in Tucson

What Policies will Expand Taiwan’s Comparative Advantage?

Addressing Death from Overwork in Japan

Focus Groups with Parents of Children Attending Special Education Centers in Madrid

What Fosters Public Sector Innovation?

How is Covid 19 Impacting Authoritarian Practices?

Analyzing the Ukrainian Government’s Information Campaign on Covid 19

The Psychological Impact of Trauma on Peacebuilding in Liberia

Recruitment Strategies of the Islamic State